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To provide grants to States to assist in the incarceration of violent repeat offenders and to manage the problems associated with overcapacity in correctional facilities and programs and to support comprehensive programs that will reduce the rate of recidivism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUGHES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Violent Repeat
5 Offender Incarceration Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

2 (a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General
3 may make grants to individual States and to States, orga-
4 nized as multi-State compacts, to develop, expand, modify,
5 or improve correctional facilities and programs to ensure
6 that prison cell space is available for the confinement of
7 violent repeat offenders.

8 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
9 under this Act a State or States, organized as multi-State
10 compacts, shall submit an application to the Attorney
11 General which includes—

12 (1) assurances that the State or States, have
13 implemented, or will implement, correctional policies
14 and programs that are designed to provide suffi-
15 ciently severe punishment for violent repeat offend-
16 ers and that the prison time served is appropriately
17 related to the determination that the inmate is a vio-
18 lent repeat offender and for a period of time deemed
19 necessary to protect the public;

20 (2) assurances that the State or States have
21 implemented policies that provide for the recognition
22 of the rights and needs of crime victims;

23 (3) assurances that funds received under this
24 Act will be used to develop, expand, modify, or im-
25 prove correctional facilities and programs to ensure

1 that prison cell space is available for the confine-
2 ment of violent repeat offenders;

3 (4) assurances that the State or States have a
4 comprehensive correctional plan which represents an
5 integrated approach to the management and oper-
6 ation of correctional facilities and programs and
7 which includes diversional programs, particularly
8 drug diversion programs, community corrections
9 programs, a prisoner screening and security classi-
10 fication system, prisoner rehabilitation and treat-
11 ment programs, prisoner work activities and job
12 skills programs, a pre-release prisoner assessment to
13 provide risk reduction management, post-release as-
14 sistance, and an assessment of recidivism rates;

15 (5) assurances that funds received under this
16 section will be used to supplement, not supplant,
17 other Federal, State, and local funds; and

18 (6) documentation of the multi-State compact
19 agreement that specifies the development, expansion,
20 modification, or improvement of correctional facili-
21 ties and programs.

22 (c) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Federal share
23 of a grant received under this Act may not exceed 75 per-
24 cent of the costs of a proposal described in an application
25 approved under this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

2 The Attorney General shall issue rules and regula-
3 tions regarding the uses of grant funds received under this
4 Act not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment
5 of this Act.

6 **SEC. 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.**

7 The Attorney General may request that the Director
8 of the National Institute of Corrections and the Director
9 of the Federal Bureau of Prisons provide technical assist-
10 ance and training to a State or States that receive a grant
11 under this Act to achieve the purposes of this Act.

12 **SEC. 5. EVALUATION.**

13 The Attorney General may request the Director of
14 the National Institute of Corrections to assist with an
15 evaluation of programs established with funds under this
16 Act.

17 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 There are authorized to be appropriated
19 \$600,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1994 through
20 1998 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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